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OH, GOSH!

ME HELP THAT POSSUM!

THERE! THAT BETTER!

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Art by Harvey Eisenberg

WALT DISNEY'S

DONALD DUCK

THE BETTER LIFE.

AUTUMN! THE MATURITY OF A YEAR! A TIME FOR SOBER REFLECTION, AND A TIME FOR LEAVES TO FALL...

FOR TWO WEEKS I'VE BEEN AFTER THOSE KIDS TO RAKE THE LEAVES BEFORE THE FIRST SNOW FALLS!

OF COURSE THEY ALWAYS HAVE SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT TO DO, LIKE PLAY **HIDE-AND-SEEK!**

WELL, THEY'LL TURN UP BEFORE LONG, HUNGRY FOR GOODIES! WHEN THEY **DO** I'LL BE **READY** FOR THEM!

AND SURE ENOUGH!

IF WE CAN GET INTO THE HOUSE BEFORE UNCA DONALD SEES US, WE CAN NAB SOME COOKIES AND MAKE A QUICK GETAWAY!

IT'S EITHER THAT, OR ANOTHER LECTURE ON **RAKING LEAVES!**

THERE SURE ARE A **LOT** OF LEAVES, AREN'T THERE?

THERE SURE **ARE**, BOYS! AND YOU'RE GOING TO START **RAKING** THEM! TOOT SWEET!

UNCA DONALD!

GLOM

WORK! WORK! WORK! THAT'S ALL WE EVER DO!

SLAVE LABOR! THAT'S WHAT IT IS!

AND OUR ALLOWANCE ISN'T ANYTHING FOR THE RECORD BOOKS, EITHER!

RIGHT! WE'RE OVERWORKED AND UNDERPAID!

AND THAT ISN'T ALL!

WE HAVE TO HELP WITH THE DISHES!

WHAT ABOUT OUR ROOM? UNCA DONALD IS ALWAYS AFTER US TO CLEAN IT UP!

CLEAN THIS! SCRUB THAT!

YEAH, AND THEN THERE'S BEDTIME! IT'S ALWAYS TOO EARLY!

DON'T REMIND ME OF IT! IT'S THE WORST CRIME OF ALL AGAINST US POOR LITTLE KIDS!

WE ALWAYS HAVE TO MISS THE LAST HALF OF OUR FAVORITE TV SHOW!

MEN, ALL OF THOSE OTHER THINGS WE'RE SUBJECTED TO BY UNCA DONALD ARE BAD ENOUGH! BUT TO MISS THE LAST HALF OF CAPTAIN MUSCLENOSE EACH NIGHT IS BEYOND BEARING!

WE OUGHT TO GO ON STRIKE!

YEAH! UNCA DONALD IS UNFAIR!

WAIT A MINUTE, GUYS! LET'S AT LEAST GIVE UNCA DONALD A CHANCE TO BE FAIR!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

COME ON! WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A MEETING WITH HIM AND DEMAND A BETTER DEAL!

OBOY! A CONFRONTATION!

NOW YOU'RE TALKING!

AND SO...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'RE GOING ON STRIKE?

WE WANT A BETTER LIFE, UNCA DONALD!

NO MORE DOING THE DISHES! NO MORE CLEANING OUR ROOM!

NO MORE RAKING LEAVES, OR GOING TO BED EARLY!

AND WHAT'S MORE, WE WANT A BIGGER ALLOWANCE!

REALLY? I SUPPOSE YOU'D ALSO LIKE CAVIAR WITH FUDGE SAUCE FOR BREAKFAST EVERY MORNING, TOO!

AN ORDINARY BREAKFAST IN BED WILL BE SUFFICIENT, UNCA DONALD!

EGGS OVER EASY, BACON STRIPS CRISP, AND THE TOAST LIGHTLY BROWNED!

AND DON'T FORGET TO WARM THE CHOCOLATE MILK!

GET OUTSIDE AND FINISH THOSE LEAVES, YOU HALF-PINT CHISELERS, OR I'LL WARM YOU!

YOU CAN'T INTIMIDATE US, UNCA DONALD!

WE'VE GOT OUR RIGHTS!

DRONES! IDLERS! INDOLENT-

CLONK

I'LL SKIN YOU ALIVE! I'LL BOIL YOU IN PRUNE OIL! I'LL . . .

WAIT A MINUTE! WHY SHOULD I FUSS? LET 'EM STRIKE! I'LL BE **SMART** AND JUST IGNORE THEM! **TWO** SIDES CAN PLAY THIS GAME!

VERY WELL, BOYS! GO AHEAD AND STRIKE! BUT DON'T EXPECT **ME** TO COOK YOUR MEALS OR WASH YOUR CLOTHES! YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!

AND YOU CAN KISS YOUR ALLOWANCE **GOOD-BYE!**

GEE! I WONDER IF MAYBE WE OVERDID IT JUST A LITTLE BIT?

GULP! NO ALLOWANCE AT **ALL**?

STAND YOUR GROUND, MEN! WE CAN'T GIVE UP THIS EASY!

YOU'RE RIGHT! UNCA DONALD WOULD NEVER LET US HEAR THE END OF IT!

LOOK AT THEM OUT THERE! NOT SURE WHETHER THEY'RE ON FOOT OR HORSEBACK!

WELL, IT MAY BE SMART TO IGNORE THEM, BUT THERE'S NO LAW THAT SAYS I CAN'T HAVE SOME **FUN** WHILE I'M DOING IT!

THUS...

YUM! YUM! MEATBALLS AND SPAGHETTI GARNISHED WITH BLACK OLIVES AND PARMESAN CHEESE!

WHAT GOURMET TREAT ARE **YOU** HAVING, BOYS?

NEVER MIND!

PEANUT BUTTER

KUMQUAT BERRY JAM

LET'S SEE NOW. WHAT TEMPTING GOODIES SHALL I INDULGE IN TONIGHT? A HEAPING BOWL OF **CARAMEL CREAM POPCORN** SOUNDS NICE!

GROAN!

DAYS GO BY!

IT ISN'T FAIR! UNCA DONALD HAS FABULOUS MEALS, SUMPTUOUS TREATS...

AND **CLEAN CLOTHES!**

YEAH! OURS **ARE** GETTING KINDA **STICKY!**

KEEP OUT!

OF COURSE PEANUT BUTTER SANDWICHES **ARE** OUR FAVORITE FOOD!

YEAH! BUT NOT **THREE TIMES A DAY!**

LOOK! THERE'S UNCA DONALD!

WHAT'S HE EATING?

GROAN! IT LOOKS LIKE CANDIED PLUM SOUFFLÉ WITH WHIPPED CREAM, NUTS AND GREEN MARASCHINO CHERRIES!

THAT'S OUR **FAVORITE** DESSERT!

MEN, UNCA DONALD IS JUST DOING THIS TO TORMENT US!

AND IT'S **WORKING!**

MAYBE SO, BUT I THINK IT'S TIME TO **FIGHT BACK!**

LET'S **SABOTAGE** THAT OPULENT LIFE HE'S LIVING! ANY IDEAS?

PLENTY!

THAT NIGHT...

SKUNKROOT! OIL OF RATBREATH! SOAP! TINCTURE OF SWAMP GAS! I HAVE THEM ALL!

AND I'VE RUSTLED UP A ROUSING BATCH OF LITTLE BITTY FIRECRACKERS!

WHAT HAVE YOU COME UP WITH, LOUIE?

THE PIÈCE DE RESISTANCE! A LOVELY LENGTH OF GRADE-A BARBED WIRE!

THEN WE'RE ALL SET?

YEP!

GOOD! LETS GET TO WORK!

COMES THE DAWN!

AH, NOTHING LIKE STARTING THE DAY WITH THE PERFECT WAFFLE, TOPPED WITH WHIPPED CREAM AND STRAWBERRIES!

SYRUP

GAK! PATOOEY!

THIS THING TASTES LIKE A DOORMAT FROM THE AUGEAN STABLES!

I COULDN'T HAVE MESSED UP THE RECIPE THAT BADLY, COULD I? OH, WELL, I'LL CONSOLE MYSELF WITH A HEAPING BOWL OF CARAMEL CREAM POPCORN!

I HAVEN'T SEEN THE BOYS THIS MORNING! HA! THEY PROBABLY CAN'T BEAR TO WATCH ME ENJOY THE FRUITS OF MY LABOR!

TEE! HEE!

THE WAFFLE BIT WAS GREAT!

WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT IS EVEN BETTER!

HMM! THIS STUFF IS SURE TAKING ITS SWEET TIME POPPING! MAYBE IF I...

BAM POP BAM POP BAM POP BAM POP BAM POP BAM

WHAT THE DING-DONG-DIDDLY IS GOING ON AROUND HERE? LOOK AT MY CLOTHES! POWDER BURNS AND OIL SMUDGES! CRIMINY!

A QUICK CHANGE OF CLOTHES, AND THEN...

I'D BETTER DO A WASH! GOTTA KEEP UP APPEARANCES FOR THE BOYS!

SOAP

SKRAK RIP SCREEK

BARBED WIRE IN A WASHING MACHINE?

OH, **SO**! IT ALL COMES CLEAR! THOSE BITTER LITTLE SCORPIONS HAVE BEEN **SABOTAGING** MY GOOD LIFE!

IT'S TIME TO QUIT BEING SMART AND **GET EVEN**! THE BOYS ARE IN THEIR FORT! I CAN HEAR THEM LAUGHING!

LET'S SEE HOW FUNNY YOU GUYS THINK **THIS** IS!

SPLOOSH

YAK! YAK!

WHOOSH

Hours pass...

POUR THE GLUE ALL OVER THE LEAVES! HURRY!

I'M HURRYING!

HERE COMES UNCA DONALD! LET 'ER RIP!

I HEAR THOSE RUFFIANS OUT BACK!

WHOOSH

SPLAT

LIFE WOULD BE A WHOLE LOT BETTER AROUND HERE, UNCA DONALD, IF YOU WEREN'T SO **STUCK UP**!

HEE! HEE!

AND MORE HOURS...

COME AND GET IT, LITTLE CHUMS! FREE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY FOR ALL!

OUR FOOD SUPPLY!

AND ON INTO THE NIGHT...

WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON AT DONALD'S? IT'S TOO EARLY FOR NEW YEARS AND TOO LATE FOR WORLD WAR TWO!

I THINK I'D BETTER LOOK INTO THIS!

BOYS! BOYS! WHAT IN HEAVEN'S NAME ARE YOU **DOING**?

GETTING READY TO **EAT**, DAISY!

THEY'LL NOT GET THEIR GRUBBY LITTLE PAWS ON **MY** VICHYSSOISE!

DAISY CALLS A TRUCE, AND THE BOYS TELL HER THE WHOLE TALE OF WOE!

AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, YOU'RE **ALL** ACTING LIKE **IDIOTS**! DONALD, I THINK THAT YOU CAN BE A LOT MORE **REASONABLE**!

ME? I'M THE **SOUL** OF REASON!

HA!

DONALD, I'M SURE YOU CAN INCREASE THE BOYS' ALLOWANCE A BIT AND LET THEM STAY UP AN EXTRA HALF HOUR EACH NIGHT!

WELL...

YEAH! NO KID SHOULD BE DEPRIVED OF CAPTAIN MUSCLENOSE!

AND YOU, BOYS, CAN BE MORE REASONABLE, TOO, AND DO YOUR CHORES WITHOUT GRUMBLING AND COMPLAINING, CAN'T YOU?

THAT'S RIGHT DAISY! FAIR IS FAIR!

THUS, PEACE AND HARMONY RETURN ONCE AGAIN TO THE DUCK HOUSEHOLD!

SORT OF...

HEH! HEH! I WON'T TELL THE BOYS THAT I TOLD THEM SO, EVEN IF I DID!

DOGGONE SNOW!

WHOEVER HEARD OF RAKING LEAVES IN THE SNOW?

I'LL TELL YOU GUYS ONE THING! THE NEXT TIME WE GO ON STRIKE...

...LET'S MAKE SURE IT'S SUMMER TIME!

Walt Disney's

MICKEY MOUSE

as the

MONARCH of MEDIOKA

part II

Last issue, Mickey befriended a "vagrant," little realizing the man is a disguised foreign duke with secretive designs on Mickey..

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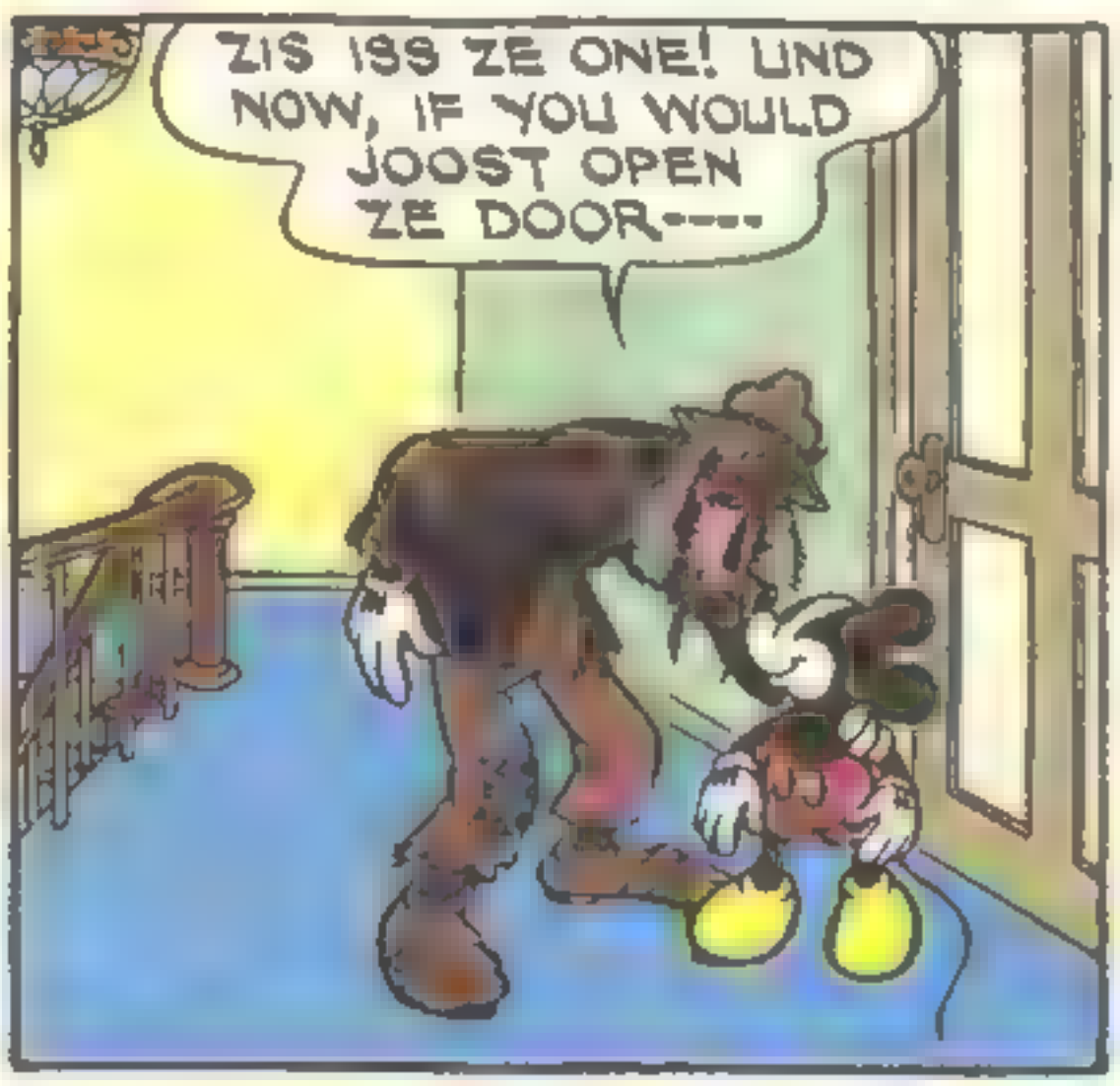

HEY! WHAT'S TH' IDEA?

VEREE FINE, DUKE! I SEE YOU HAF BRING OUR "GUEST"!

WELL, FER--- SAY! WHAT IS THIS, ANYWAY?

CLICK!

WHAT IS THIS--- A KIDNAPING?

AH, NO, NO--- NUZZING LIKE ZAT! LET ME INTRODUCE OURSELVES!

OOF

I AM COUNT DE SHECKELS, MINISTER OF FINANCE IN ZE KINGDOM OF MEDIOKA!

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UND ZIS IS ZE SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, DUKE DE LA PUCHE!

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YOUR FRIEND--- YOUR SERVANT--- YOUR SLAVE!

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LISTEN! IF YOU GUYS ARE REALLY NOBLEMEN, WHAT ARE YOU DOIN' WITH ME?

WHILE ZE DUKE PUTS ON CLOTHES BEFITTING HIS POSITION I SHALL EXPLAIN!

OUR COUNTRY, MEDIOKA, ISS IN BAD SHAPE! IT ISS IN VERY GRAVE DANGER! ALL ON ACCOUNT OF OUR KING, MICHAEL XIV!

HE ISS YOUNG-CAREFREE-A SPENDTHRIFT! WE BORROW MONEY--UND MORE MONEY--UND HE SPENDS IT! IT ISS AWFUL!

NOW MEDIOKA ISS PRACTICALLY BANKRUPT! WE CAN BORROW NO MORE MONEY! UND ZAT ISS WHY WE WANT YOU!

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ZE KINGDOM OF MEDIOKA SHOULD BE PROSPEROUS--BUT KING MICHAEL XIV ISS SO EXTRAVAGANT WE ARE NEARLY BANKRUPT!

OTHER COUNTRIES WILL LEND NO MONEY TO A NATION WITH A SPENDTHRIFT AT ZE HEAD OF IT! UND WE MUST HAVE MONEY! MUCH MONEY!

YEAH! SURE! BUT KIDNAPIN' **ME** WOULDN'T HELP MUCH! I COULDN'T RAISE OVER A MILLION BUCKS IF I **HAD** TO!

YOU HAFF US WRONG, MINE FRIEND! WE DO NOT WANT YOUR MONEY!

WHAT WE WANT ISS **YOU**--- PERSONALLY!

WE TRY TO BORROW MONEY! WE FAIL! NOBODY WILL LEND TO A COUNTRY WITH A SPENDTHRIFT AS KING! WE ARE ALMOS' FRANTIC!

THEN WE FIND YOU! IT ISS ZE ANSWER TO OUR PRAYERS! YOU ARE ZE ONE MAN IN ZE WORLD WHO CAN SAFE ZE KINGDOM!

WHO--- **ME**?

FOR GOSH SAKES! **HOW**?

COME, MINE FRIEND! I WILL SHOW YOU!

HIS MAJESTY, KING MICHAEL XIV OF MEDIOKA!

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BUT---BUT--- THAT'S ME!

NO, YOUR MAJESTY-- I MEAN--- NO, MICKEY! ZAT ISS KING MICHAEL XIV!

SO THAT'S WHY YOU CALLED ME "MICHAEL" ON THE STREET THE OTHER DAY!

EXACTLY!

UND ZAT ISS ZE BASIS OF OUR PLAN! ZAT ISS WHY YOU ARE ZE ONLY MAN IN ZE WORLD WHO CAN SAFE OUR COUNTRY!

BUT WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?

WE WANT YOU TO BE---KING MICHAEL OF MEDIOKA!

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YOU--YOU SAY YOU WANT ME T' BE KING OF MEDIOKA?

ZAT ISS RIGHT, MINE FRIEND!

BUT-- WHY? AN'--- HOW?

MICHAEL XIV ISS A SPENDTHRIFT! HE ISS RUINING ZE COUNTRY! SO WE WILL DISPOSE OF HIM TEMPO-RARILY!

YOU WILL TAKE ZE THRONE! YOU WILL BE ECONOMICAL! MEDIOKA WILL PROSPER! UND WE CAN BORROW MONEY AGAIN!

WHEN ZAT HAPPENS, WE CAN RESTORE MICHAEL XIV AS KING-- UND NOBODY WILL KNOW ZE DIFFERENCE! ISS ZAT NOT A GOOD PLAN?

YEAH! EXCEPT FOR ONE THING!

I WON'T DO IT!

!

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NO, SIR! THAT GUY'S KING AN' YOU DON'T CATCH **ME** TRADIN' PLACES WITH HIM! GOSH! EVEN A **KING** HAS RIGHTS, YOU KNOW!

ZAT ISS TRUE!

BUT ZE PEOPLE OF MEDIOKA ALSO HAFF RIGHTS! UND WITH MICHAEL ON ZE THRONE, WE ARE DOOMED! ZE COUNTRY WILL GO BANKRUPT!

WITH YOU IN HIS PLACE, WE AT LEAST HAFF A **CHANCE**! IF WE FAIL, ZE PEOPLE ARE NO WORSE OFF! UND IF WE SUCCEED---

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---IT WILL SAFE ZE HAPPINESS--MAYBE EVEN ZE LIVES---OF A MILLION POOR PEOPLE!

GOLLY! I--I HADN'T THOUGHT OF IT THAT WAY!

OKAY! YOU'RE ON! I'LL DO IT!

ZAT IS FINE! WONDERFUL! WE SHALL BE ZE SAVIORS OF MEDIOKA!

HOW SOON DO WE LEAVE?

AT ONCE! IMMEDIATELY! I SHALL MAKE RESERVATIONS ON ZE SOONEST BOAT!

OKAY! I'LL STRAIGHTEN OUT MY AFFAIRS-- AN' BE READY WHENEVER YOU SAY!

UND REMEMBER--OUR SUCCESS UND OUR SAFETY LIE IN KEEPING ZE UTMOST SECRECY! NO ONE MUST BE TOLD OF OUR PLANS!

SURE I UNDERSTAND!

WELL---IT SURE LOOKS LIKE I LET MYSELF IN FOR SOMETHIN' THIS TIME!

MICKEY HAS TO TELL MINNIE THAT HE IS TAKING A LONG TRIP-- BUT CANNOT TELL HER THAT HE IS GOING TO MEDIOKA--- OR WHY!

BUT YOU JUST FINISHED REMODELING YOUR HOUSE! I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU'D WANT TO---WELL--- SETTLE DOWN OR SOMETHING!

YEAH! I THOUGHT SO, TOO, BUT---

WELL, DON'T LET **ME** STOP YOU! GO RIGHT AHEAD! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO GO ALONE! I CAN TELL YOU THAT! GOOD-**BYE!**

I'M SORRY YOU FEEL THAT WAY ABOUT IT---BUT--- GOOD-BYE, MINNIE!

POP

MICK-EEEEE!

I DO HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD TIME!

I'M SORRY I LOST MY TEMPER, MICKEY!

AW, THAT'S ALL RIGHT! BUT YOU SEE, I CAN'T TELL ANYBODY WHERE I'M GOIN'--OR WHY! -I PROMISED!

IT'S A--WELL--IT'S-- IT'S SORT OF A POLITICAL JOB! THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! I'VE WANTED TO GO AND VISIT AUNT BECKY FOR A LONG TIME -- AND NOW I CAN DO IT! SO I'LL BE HAVING FUN, TOO!

GEE! THAT'S SWELL!

AN' EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT, THEN? AN'--AN'--YOU STILL LIKE ME? HUH?

UNH-HUH!

G'BYE, MINNIE!

GOOD-BYE, MICKEY!

GOSH! CAN'T YOU GO FASTER? I'VE GOT TO CATCH THAT BOAT!

I'M GOIN' SIXTY, NOW! WHO AM I, SIR MALCOLM CAMPBELL?

TAXI

DID I MAKE IT?

YES, THANK GOODNESSES! JOOST BARELY! YOU GAFE US A BAD FRIGHT!

ZAIR EES BUT AN HOUR UND A HALLUF UNTIL SAILING TIME!

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ON A STEAMER BOUND FOR THE TINY KINGDOM OF MEDIOKA-----

BUT WHAT DO I HAVE T' DO WHEN I'M KING? THAT'S WHAT I WANT T' KNOW!

WE SHALL SCHOOL YOU IN YOUR DJTIES ON ZE TRIP OVER! IT WILL TAKE US MUCH WORK AND STUDY!

FIRST YOU MUS' DEVELOP AN ACCENT IN YOUR SPEECH, LIKE OURS!

YOU MEAN--- ZE KING TALKS LIKE ZIS?

EXACTLY! YES!

ZIS ISS GONNA BE SWELL! UND WHAT WOULD BE ZE RESULT IF I WAS DIS-COVERED, PRAY?

OH, YES! I FORGOT! WE MUS' BE CAREFUL! IF ANYONE KNOWS YOU ARE NOT ZE REAL KING----

----ALL THREE OF US WILL BE SHOT!

MICKEY IS DRILLED IN THE SPEECH, THE MANNER SMS AND THE DUTIES OF KING MICHAEL XIV, HOUR AFTER HOUR, DAY AFTER DAY, ALL THE WAY TO MEDIOKA!

BY BOAT.

YOU MUS' NOT BE SO FRIENDLY UND SYMPATHETIC! REMEMBER--YOU ARE ZE KING! YOU ARE ARROGANT-- SOMETIMES EVEN CRUEL!

YEAH! I'LL TRY TO REMEMBER BUT IT'S NOT GONNA BE EASY!

BY TRAIN.

HERE ARE PICTURES OF YOUR COURT AND MINISTRY! STUDY ZEM CAREFULLY! ZEY ARE YOUR FRIENDS! YOU MUS' CALL ZEM ALL BY NAME!

BY AUTO.

ALWAYS SPEAK WIZ AN ACCENT! NEVAIR GET OUT OF CHARACTER! FROM NOW ON, FORGET YOU ARE MICKEY MOUSE!

BY COACH.

MINE FRIEND, YOU HAFF DONE IT! NOBODY WOULD KNOW YOU ARE NOT MICHAEL! IT IS PAIRFECT!

ZAT ISS SWELL! I T'INK MAYBE WE SHALL KNOCK ZEM FOR A LOOP, EH?

HALT! UND LET US EXAMINE YOUR BAGGAGE!

MEDIOKA CUSTOMS OFFICER

WHY, YOU INSOLENT PUPPY! YOU-- YOU--

OH! YOUR MAJESTY! FORGIVE ME! I--I--I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN----

FOOL! IT ISS NOT YOUR PRIVILEGE TO THINK!

JUST A MINUTE, COUNT!

DO NOT APOLOGIZE! I NEVAIR CRITICIZE A MAN FOR DOIN' HIS DUTY! YOU ARE A GOOD SOLDIER! ZE KINGDOM NEEDS MORE SUCH MEN!

WELL--ONE O' MY JOBS IS TO MAKE THE PEOPLE OF MEDIOKA HAPPY AN' I SURE GOT OFF TO A SWELL START!

AS NIGHT FALLS, THE COACH CONTAINING MICKEY, COUNT DE SHECKELS AND DUKE DE LA PUKE REACHES TRUFFLEBERG, THE CAPITAL CITY OF MEDIOKA!

MICKEY, MAYBE PAIRHAPS YOU SHOULD HIDE ON ZE FLOOR! IF YOU WERE SEEN IT MIGHT BE COMPLICATIONS!

GOOD! IT ISS BETTER SO! WE SHALL SOON BE AT MINE HOUSE!

ZIS ISS ZE PLACE! DRIVE RIGHT IN, UNDER ZE PORTE COCHERE!

MAKE WAY FOR HIS ROYAL MAJESTY, KING MICHAEL XIV !!!

WHEN KING MICHAEL XIV HEARS THAT COUNT DE SHECKELS HAS RETURNED TO MEDIOKA, HE IMMEDIATELY SUMMONS HIM---

AH, COUNT! TELL ME---HAFF YOU BORROWED MORE MONEYS? ISS OUR TREASURY FILLED UP AGAIN?

YOUR MAJESTY, I FOUND MUCH DIFFICULTY!

QUITE SO! BUT I HAFF GIVEN NO PARTIES FOR A MONTH! IT ISS VERY DEGRADING HOW MUCH DID YOU BORROW?

I COULD BORROW--- NONE-- YOUR MAJESTY!

WHAT? YOU BLUNDERING IDIOT! YOU DUMBECILE! I SHALL REORGANIZE MINE CABINET! I SHALL HAFF A NEW MINISTER OF FINANCE! I SHALL HAFF YOU BEHEADED!

BUT--WORST OF ALL---I SHALL HAFF TO CALL OFF ZE PARTY I HAD PLANNED FOR NEX' WEEK!

I ORDER YOU TO BORROW MONEY FOR ME! YOU FAIL! ZAT ISS DISOBEDIENCE! YOU SHALL PAY FOR IT! I PROMISE!

BUT, YOUR MAJESTY, I BROUGHT BACK SOMET'ING BETTER ZAN MERE MONEY!

FOR ZE PARTIES I GIFF, NOTTING IS BETTER ZAN MONEY! WOT HAFF YOU GOT?

A PLAN, YOUR MAJESTY!

A PLAN ZAT WILL LET YOU FORGET YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES, GIFF YOU PLENTY OF MONEY, LET YOU HAFF PARTIES EFERY DAY--UND NOBODY WOULD KNOW ZE DIFFER-ENCE!

IMPOSSIBLE! PARTIES EVERY DAY! SUCH A T'ING COULD NEVER BE! EET ISS CRAZY!

WHEN DO I START?

AT ONCE, YOUR MAJESTY!

BUT--MINE THRONE? MINE DUTIES? MINE RESPONSIBILITIES?

DO NOT WORRY! I HAFF BRING A PERSON WHO WILL FIX IT-- UND NOBODY WILL EFFER KNOW ZE DIFFER-ENCE!

WHO ISS ZIS MAN? IT SOUNDS LIKE MAGIC!

WE GO TO SEE HIM NOW! HIS NAME ISS MICKEY MOUSE!

UND WHEN YOU MEET HIM, YOUR MAJESTY, YOU WILL SEE IT ISS NOT MAGIC---IT ISS A MIRACLE!

THEES PORTRAIT OF ME -- WHERE YOU GET HEEM?

DO YOU LIKE IT, YOUR MAJESTY?

ZE LIKENESS EES PAIRFECT! LIKE A PHOTOGRAPH! BUT WHY DID ZE ARTIST PAINT ME IN SUCH SILLY CLOTHES?

YOU SEE, YOUR MAJESTY--ZAT ISS NOT EXACTLY A PICTURE!

EET ISS MINE FRIEND, MICKEY MOUSE!

GLAD TO MEETCHA, KING MICHAEL!

WHO ISS THEES COMMONER--THEES--THEES MASQUERADER--WHO DARES TO IMPERSONATE ME?

WHY, YOUR MAJESTY, IT ISS MINE FRIEND, MICKEY MOUSE!

IT ISS AN INSULT! THEES CHEAP HUMOR--IMITATING ME--MAKING FUN OF ZE CROWN!

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE, KING! YOU GOT ME WRONG!

DO NOT ARGUE! TAKE OFF ZAT MASK-- BEFORE I LOSE MY TEMPER!

SO! IT ISS YOUR OWN FACE! NOW I AM INSULT!

BWONG!

ZAT FACE MUST BE A DISGUISE! NO COMMONER COULD LOOK SO MUCH LIKE ME!

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YEAH? WELL I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA, EITHER!

ZIS FOR YOU--- COMMONER!

SMACK!

AN' ZAT FOR YOU--- SNIPPY!

SOCK!

BIFF! BAM! SOCK! WHAM!

YOU HAFF NO RIGHT TO LOOK LIKE ME!

YEAH? WELL, WE WON'T LOOK SO MUCH ALIKE WHEN I GET THROUGH WITH YOU!

MICKEY! KING MICHAEL! YOUR ROYAL--- YOUR MAJ----- GENTLEMEN!

LOOK AT YOU! LOOK AT WOT YOU HAFF DONE!

FOR GOSH SAKES! WE STILL LOOK ALIKE!

YOU KNOW, MIKE--- YOU'RE A SWELL SCRAPPER--- FOR A KING!

UND YOU, SIR MICKEY--YOU COULD NOT BE A COMMONER! NONE BUT A NOBLEMAN COULD FIGHT AS YOU!

COUNT! PLEASE GET FROM ZE CHEF TWO PIECES OF BEEFSTEAK! I THEENK PAIRHAPS ZEY WOULD FEEL NICE ON OUR EYES!

UND NOW, MINE FRIENDS -- TO BUSINESS! I HAFF A FEELING ZAT MUCH WILL COME OF ZIS MEETING!

TO BE CONTINUED!

THIS MONTH IN GLADSTONE

Donald Duck Adventures #29

American writers Dave Rawson and Pat McGreal team up with artist Vicar for a South American romp featuring Donald as a hapless tour guide, in "Tour de Jour," illustrated on the cover by Don Rosa. Then, pizza delivery man Donald gets a call above and beyond the line of duty in "Stampede and Deliver," an action-filled tale from the team of writer John Lustig and artist William Van Horn.

DISNEY COMICS

Walt Disney's Comics & Stories #594

The inimitable William Van Horn serves up "The Better Life" in which Donald's list of Autumn chores prompts Huey, Dewey and Louie to go on strike for better working conditions. Then, Mickey finds himself embroiled in foreign intrigue in part two of "The Monarch of Medioka," a 1930s adventure by Floyd Gottfredson. Cover by Russell Schroeder.

Uncle Scrooge #289

Don Rosa's twelve-part series, "The Life and Times of Scrooge McDuck" continues with chapter five, "The New Laird of Castle McDuck," a fifteen-page adventure that takes young Scrooge back to Scotland to reclaim his ancestral home from the evil Whiskerville family. Rosa provides a new cover and accompanying text. A Tony Strobl ten-pager, "I.O.U. . . . But Who?," fills out the issue.

COMICS COMMENTS

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Dear Gladstone,

It was interesting to see the cover of **Walt Disney's Comics and Stories** #592 after its first appearance in "The Gladstone That Never Was" feature in **Donald Duck** #279 (May 1990). Fortunately, of course, 1990 wasn't the end for you and, after a year, I feel you again have the best line of comics out there.

I've never been picky about color or printing quality (after all, I still miss your digests!) but I must say, from the multi-colored ½-page Van Horn splash to the various (and numerous) shades of green in the Chip 'n' Dale page, #592 is another clear, bright, entertaining issue.

Shannon Burns
Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Dear Editor,

Not to say I didn't thoroughly enjoy William Van Horn's snappy "The Cluck of the Draw," but in the real world those guys who put on the "Big Money" lottery would be in for a whole passel of criminal charges after handing out a clearly bogus prize! Maybe Donald **did** blow the whistle on those swindlers, but in that case even his "big money" would probably have been taken as evidence, leaving him with nothing!

Could it be that Mr. Van Horn was, after all, trying to tell us that, whether in fantasy or reality, Donald just can't win? Could be the basis for an article in the **William Van Horn In Color** album series you'll be doing one of these days (I hope, I hope!).

Val Bailey
Wichita, KS

For better or for worse, Gladstone's second run seems to be Duck family-heavy. That's why I'm writing to applaud you for printing the Chip 'n' Dale gag. It's a definite step in the right direction for this title. I guess you can count the Gyro

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story, as well, since he doesn't get any solo adventures in the other titles.

None of this is meant to detract from Van Horn's stories, which have earned a rightful place in **WDC&S** every month. "The Cluck of the Draw" was another fast-paced clever story.

Augie De Blieck Jr.
North Haledon, NJ

I'd like to see some of the old one-page stories like **Li'l Bad Wolf** and others. I have heard that the Disney people will not allow the **B'rer Rabbit** stories to be reprinted, even the one-pagers. This is too bad as this is part of our cultural heritage and no offense is intended. This PC stuff is getting too out of hand and the Disney folks, in **my** opinion, are being way too sensitive these days. If you offend nobody, you will entertain nobody eventually.

Carl Pietrantonio
Laredo, TX

One of the great things about William Van Horn is that, even when he's based the outcome of a story on a bad pun ("Big Bucks," indeed), it's still an enjoyable romp. I suppose I should be grateful Donald didn't win a "Door Prize," as well!

Joe Torcivia
Westbury, NY

Click!

That was the sound of William Van Horn settling snugly into the slot he seemed destined to occupy after his wonderful **Donald Duck** stories in Disney Comics' **Donald Duck Adventures**: the leadoff in **Walt Disney's Comics and Stories**.

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